

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application: Y. INABA et al
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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR RETRIEVING A
DOCUMENT AND COMPUTER READABLE
STORAGE MEDIUM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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October 6, 2003

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application
as follows.